(c) whether Government propose to take up this matter with these countries; and

(d) if so, in what manner and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Government is now aware of any present threat to Indian IT professionals working in various countries due to the contemplated changes in immigration laws of these countries.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Postmen In Greater Mumbai

3026. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of postmen in Greater Mumbai;

(b) whether there is any plan to cut down the present strength of postmen of all the post offices in Mumbai; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) There are 4690 posts of postmen in Greater Mumbai.

(b) and (c) 512 posts of postmen have presently been abolished, as per recommendations of the Screening Committee.

Telephone exchanges in Chhattisgarh

3027. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) the number as well as the location of telephone exchanges set up in the various districts of Chhattisgarh during the period from the 1st January, 1998 to June, 2002;

(b) the cost incurred on setting up of each exchange, separately;